

## 2009 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR STATE AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS\*

2009 PROPOSED AREA DESIGNATION CHANGES			
<i>Pollutant</i>	<i>Area / Air Basin</i>	<i>Current Designation</i>	<i>Proposed Designation</i>
NO <sub>2</sub>	South Coast Air Basin	A	N
Lead	South Coast Air Basin		
	Los Angeles County	A	N
Ozone	Lake Tahoe Air Basin	U	N
	North Coast Air Basin (NCAB)		
	Sonoma County (NCAB portion)	N	A
	Sacramento Valley Air Basin		
	Glenn County	NA-T**	N
	Yuba and Sutter Counties	N	NA-T**
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Great Basin Valleys Air Basin	U	A
	Sacramento Valley Air Basin (SVAB)		
	Colusa County	U	A
	Placer County (SVAB portion)	N	A
	Shasta County	U	A
	Yuba and Sutter Counties	U	A

**\* Designation Categories:**

- A = Attainment; indicates no *violations* of the State standard in the area during the previous three years.
- N = Nonattainment; indicates at least one *violation* of the State standard in the area during the previous three years.
- NA-T = Nonattainment-transitional; a subcategory of nonattainment. For ozone, indicates no more than three *exceedances* of the State standard at each site in the district during the previous calendar year. Ozone nonattainment-transitional changes occur by *operation of law*.
- U = Unclassified; indicates data are not sufficient for determining attainment or nonattainment.

An *exceedance* is any pollutant concentration that is above the level of the State standard. Not all exceedances are violations. In contrast, a *violation* is an exceedance that cannot be excluded from the area designation process as affected by a highly irregular or infrequent event.

\*\* The change in ozone designation from nonattainment to nonattainment-transitional occurs by operation of law under Health and Safety Code section 40925.5. Similarly, the change from nonattainment-transitional back to nonattainment also occurs by operation of law.